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1. The House Appropriations Committee today approved \$3,000,000 for detail plans and specifications for the CIA headquarters installation, but denied further funds at this time. (See my Memorandum for the Record this date).

2. Mr. Hewitt, of the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, informs me that the Committee will consider foreign aid appropriations on July 12, 13, and 14, but would conceivably reach the CIA building appropriation on Friday the 15th. The DCI has expressed willingness to cancel his present plans for that date if the hearing is set for the 15th.

3. I talked with Mr. Ernest Baynard, of the office of Sen. Butler, who desired to be brought up to date regarding the CIA building plans. I informed Mr. Baynard that we had not yet picked a final site. He stated, however, that it was his feeling that we were leaning towards Langley. In reply I told him that Langley had, of course, received a good deal of publicity because of the need for authorization to extend the Parkway. However, we had not foreclosed other sites, including two in Maryland. Mr. Baynard asked me as to my appraisal of the chances of Maryland, and I indicated that it was still a possibility, but agreed with him that it certainly was not more than a 50-50 chance and that the leaning was towards Virginia. He was extremely nice about the whole matter, and asked that we continue to keep them informed.

4. I have discussed with Hart Perry of the Bureau of the Budget the problems raised in my Memorandum for the Record, and he agrees that we should attempt to secure \$7,000,000 by direct appropriation. However, it will be necessary for him to check this matter out with the Director of the Bureau of the Budget which he will do.

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